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FROM 5- D ESCORT OFFICER SCHRAGER

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SUBJECT: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS: FIFTH DIMENSION - TECHNICAL
REQUIREMENTS - DARK CLOUDS LOOMING OVER PLOIESTI

REF: BUCHAREST 1269, SCHRAGER- GILBERT TELCON APRIL 7

1. GORDON THREATENING TO CANCEL PLOIESTI CONCERTS IF LIGHTING
TECHNICIANS DO NOT HAVE COMMUNICATIONS WITH F- D TECHNICIAN
WARHANEK.

GORDON SAYS IT IS IN THE CONTRACT (WHICH IT IS NOT), SAYS THERE ARE
OVER 300 CUES WHICH LOCAL TECHNICIANS COULD NOT POSSIBLY LEARN WELL
IN THE FOUR BUCHAREST SHOWS, ALTHOUGH LIGHTING TECHNICIAN WARHANEK
FORESEES NO PROBLEM WHATSOEVER IN BUCHAREST CONTINGENCY PLAN AS
OUTLINED REFTEL. MY PERSONAL FEELING IS THAT GORDON IS BLUFFING,
AND WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE THE SUCCESS OF TOUR AND PUBLICITY FIFTH
WOULD (HE HOPES) GARNER FROM TRIP, PARTICULARLY AT THIS STAGE OF
TOUR. (PUBLICITY, AS YOU HAVE NO DOUBT GATHERED, REMAINS PARA-
MOUNT IN GORDON MIND.) PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN ESCORT
OFFICER AND GORDON HAVE SOFTENED GORDON STANCE SOMEWHAT FROM A
VEHEMENT CATEGORICAL REFUSAL TO PERFORM PLOIESTI CONCERTS TO
" INSISTING ON COMMUNICATIONS." IF YOU CANNOT PULL PROVERBIAL
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RABBIT OUT OF HAT, BE PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE STATIC; WILL FILL
YOU IN MORE IN PLANNED TELCON TUESDAY AFTERNOON AND ON ARRIVAL.
(FYI: GORDON THREATENED TO CANCEL SECOND ANKARA CONCERT, SAME
REASON, BUT COMMUNICATIONS WERE REPAIRED IN TIME.)

2. PLOIESTI STAGE SIZE ACCEPTABLE.

3. BOTH LIGHTING TECHNICIAN WARHANEK AND SOUND MAN GRAY
HAPPY TO VISIT BOTH HALLS ON THURSDAY, APRIL 12. WOULD PREFER
TO LEAVE AROUND 10:00 A. M.
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